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In re Application of	:	
Guayan et al.	:	DECISION ON REQUEST
Application No. 09/667,637	:	FOR REVIEW OF
Filed: September 22, 2000	:	PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. 10022/217	:	

This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed February 28, 2008, pursuant to applicant's duty of good faith and candor. Applicants disclose that the initial determination of patent term adjustment of five hundred fifteen (515) days may extend the patent by too many days.

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is four hundred sixty-eight (468) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On November 29, 2007, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is five hundred fifteen (515) days.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of five hundred fifteen (515) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of six hundred sixty (660) days, pursuant to 35 USC 154(b) and

37 CFR 1.703(a)(1), reduced by four (4) days, thirty-three (33), and one hundred eight (108) days of applicant delay pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Applicants assert that the PTA should be reduced by 61 days of additional applicant delay.

A review of the record reveals that Applicants should have been assessed an additional delay of sixty one (61) days. On January 14, 2004, a final rejection was mailed. Applicants in response filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on June 14, 2004.

37 CFR 1.704(b) states, in pertinent part that:

An applicant shall be deemed to have failed to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application for the cumulative total of any periods of time in excess of three months that are taken to reply to any notice or action by the Office making any rejection, objection, argument, or other request, measuring such three-month period from the date the notice or action was mailed or given to the applicant, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is three months after the date of mailing or transmission of the Office communication notifying the applicant of the rejection, objection, argument, or other request and ending on the date the reply was filed.

Therefore, Applicants should have been assessed delay for the period from April 14, 2004, (three (3) months from the date that the final rejection was mailed on January 14, 2004), to June 14, 2004 (the date the RCE was filed), or 61 days.

It is further noted that 37 CFR 1.703(a)(4) states that the period of adjustment for Office delay includes the number of days, if any, in the period beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date an appeal brief in compliance with § 1.192 was filed and ending on the date of mailing of any of an examiner's answer under § 1.193, an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first.

On January 4, 2007, an appeal brief was filed. On May 18, 2007, a non-final Office action was mailed in response to the appeal brief. As the non-final Office action mailed on May 18, 2007, was mailed four (4) months and fourteen (14) days after the filing of the appeal brief on January 4, 2007, applicant is entitled to fourteen (14) days of patent term adjustment for Office delay in responding to the appeal brief.

In view thereof, the correct determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is four hundred sixty-eight (468) days (674 (660+14) days of PTO delay, reduced by 206 (4+61+33+108) days of Applicant delay).

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in Applicant's favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of a patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Douglas I. Wood, Senior Petitions Attorney, at (571) 272-3231.



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Enclosure: Copy of adjusted PAIR calculation

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PALM INTRANETDate: 7/3/2008
Time: 11:35:54**PTA Calculations for Application: 09/667637**

Application Filing Date:	09/22/2000	PTO Delay (PTO):	660
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	145
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	468
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